

Jackson County Community Hispanic Academic Outreach

2018 Update

Youth Development Activities/Events

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The Oregon Outreach Program/Jackson County is designed to increase the quality and quantity of community-based, culturally relevant educational programs for Latino children and youth. Its purpose is to support children and youth to allow them to develop skills, knowledge and competencies that help them establish productive, caring, and contributing roles as adults.

The mission of 4-H Tech Wizards is to provide culturally responsive afterschool, small-group mentoring programs to youth, grades 4 -12. 4-H Tech Wizards capitalizes on emerging technology as a way of involving under-represented youth and their families in learning basic life and workforce skills. The program helps youth aspire to post-secondary education, productive jobs and careers, and community engagement.

4-H Tech Wizards is an afterschool, small-group mentoring program for vulnerable and marginalized youth who tend to be underrepresented in STEM fields. The program uses youth interest in science and emerging technologies to help engage them in learning and to encourage them to apply their learning to their STEM academic instruction and future life paths. Professionals specializing in emerging technologies connect with youth in a group mentoring setting. Youth are in cohorts of ten to twelve, with three to five mentors per group. Spanish speaking advisors are recruited to assist Hispanic/Latino children.

Ballet Folklorico Ritmo Alegre

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Ballet Folklorico Ritmo Alegre is a traditional Mexican Folk dance troupe that specializes in the teaching and performing of regional folkdances from all over Mexico. Dance classes are available for students ages 3 and up and adults, for a modest tuition, and are taught in their local studio at Central Medford High School, Medford, Oregon. The group's mission is to empower youth through dance and to educate as cultural ambassadors in our diverse community. Ritmo Allegro Dancers perform 30 or more times per year in local festivals and parades; cultural events; and school, church and senior events.

EMO (*Educacion, Un Mundo de Oportunidades*)

<http://web.rougecc.edu/latino-services>

Presented annually by Rogue Community College with major involvement from the college's Club Latino, EMO has been held for the past 10 years. The one-day conference brings together several hundred 11 & 12 grade Hispanic high school students from Jackson and Josephine counties for speakers, workshops, entertainment, and RCC campus tours.

This conference begins with speeches from Student, Community and keynote speakers to help motivate and inform the students of ways to overcome current obstacles in college and challenges in the future. A Student Speaker opens the conference to tell high school students the ups and downs of life as a college student. The Student Speaker also lets the students know of the accessibility of college to everyone and the exposure to other cultures, as well as giving his/her perspective of college. We then have a Community speaker from the local area to talk about struggles, triumphs, opportunities and experiences they've learned from in life. The last speaker is the Keynote speaker who will motivate, inform and share his/her outlook in life and the role of importance that education has had in his/her life. The Keynote Speaker is usually someone who has gone through the rigors of life and overcame them and will also share a great deal of their life experiences in hopes to inspire the audience.

The high school students are then directed to workshops where they are provided with necessary and helpful information about how to get into college, how to apply for financial aid and scholarships, career options, training opportunities, and to learn about RCC's Student Life & Leadership programs and other RCC services. This event also presents interactive demonstrations about some fields a student may be interested in, such as law enforcement, electronics technology and medicine to name a few.

Helping Oregon Latinos Advance (HOLA)

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HOLA is a high school-to-college bridge program designed to increase Latino students' college readiness. Rogue Community College is offering a *free*, fun 5-day summer program for incoming Latino Students. RCC welcomes recent high school graduates planning to attend in fall. During HOLA students will:

- Make new college friends
- Map out your major and classes
- Discover ways to get money for college
- Earn FREE college credits

KIDS UNLIMITED – After School Enrichment programs for students at Oak Grove, Washington and Jackson Elementary

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Kids Unlimited provides free after school enrichment activities to hundreds of children each week in three locations in West Medford, Oregon. Located at three of the region's most vulnerable schools – Oak Grove, Washington and Jackson Elementary schools – the programs seek to enhance education and social opportunities for challenged kids and their families.

The focus of the program is to create a healthy and enriching environment that focuses on the importance of education. A daily one-hour homework assistance program targets students' areas of need. The program also offers weekly lessons in health and science, sports, cultural arts and enrichment opportunities plus fun field trips and exciting guest speakers.

Kids Unlimited offers after school activities for children of Hispanic/Latino population while parents receive English instruction; academic based tutoring; scholarships, and support Medford High School District charter school with after school programs and tutoring.

Spartan Boxing

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Spartan Boxing is a local, Non-Profit amateur and professional boxing gym located in Medford Oregon. They are a family oriented gym, focused and prided on curving the minds of local youth and teaching them to properly channel their aggression. Spartan Boxing Gym is dedicated to providing the community with an organization that instills sportsmanship, fair play, physical conditioning, and mental, spiritual and emotional health. The importance of education is stressed. Boxers develop self-confidence and self-esteem while learning pugilistic skills and self-defense.

Educational/Vocational Opportunities

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After School Programs (since 2004)

These federally funded after school programs that are run by the local K-12 districts and funded by Migrant Education. They provide homework help and tutoring at ten different sites in our region.

Summer School Programs (since 1996)

These programs are run by the local districts, Head Start, SOU, and OCDC and are funded by Migrant Education. They serve preschool to high school students. During the summer of 2013 migrant funded summer programs were implemented at 21 sites and served over 700 students.

Senior Transition Program (Sobresalientes) (since 1996)

Sobresalientes offers assistance to Migrant seniors with the process of obtaining scholarships and selecting post-high school educational opportunities. These include FAFSA preparation activities, scholarship application support, and instruction in essay writing and letters of recommendation strategies.

Southern Oregon Child and Family Council Inc.

The Family Connection is the **Oregon Parenting Education Collaborative Hub** of Jackson and Josephine Counties. The Family Connection serves all families in our region with high quality, parenting education at no cost to families. We provide educational opportunities in the form of parenting classes, parenting workshops, parenting conferences, and family friendly events.

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LISTO is a family literacy program, which provides: a supportive pre-school environment in Spanish for 3, 4, and 5 year-olds; a multi-age literacy based classroom for school-age siblings; childcare for infants and toddlers in a culturally and developmentally appropriate environment; English as a Second Language (ESL) and basic literacy classes in Spanish for parents. LISTO promotes literacy for the entire family under one roof, supporting all family members with their educational needs and goals.

LISTO Family Literacy Program is providing services to 75 Hispanic/Latino families and reaching 273 participants in Jackson County. LISTO is housed at Phoenix Elementary and Medford Central High School and operates four nights a week from 5:30 pm -8:00 pm.

LISTO partners with; SOCFC-Head Start, INEA, Mexican Consulate, Phoenix Talent School District, and Medford School District.

LISTO Family Literacy Program is possible by the generous financial support: All Care, Oregon Community Foundation-Latino Partnership Program, Walker Foundation, Anna May Family Foundation, Carrico Foundation, Gordon Elwood Foundation and Carpenter Foundation.

Southern Oregon Head Start

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Southern Oregon Head Start provides services for children 0-5 years of age and their families through the Early Head Start and Head Start programs. By participating in Southern Oregon Head Start and Early Head Start children are more likely to enter school healthy, ready to learn, and with age-appropriate skills.

Southern Oregon Head Start works with parents to help each child be up-to-date on their medical care. We also provide screenings to see if children have vision, hearing, dental, nutrition, developmental, or mental health needs. We serve children nutritious meals at school to encourage healthy food choices. Parents are provided opportunities to learn more about how to help their children grow and learn, as well as help with needed resources.

We welcome all children and families including those with special needs. Spanish speaking employees provide support for Spanish-speaking children and families.

Head Start provides preschool services to children 3 years to kindergarten age in most communities in Jackson and Josephine County. There are several program options with 4-7 hours of school a day. Not all options are available in every community.

Early Head Start Program

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Early Head Start serves children birth to 3 years of age, as well as pregnant mothers and their families. It is a year round program with a variety of program options in Medford, Central Point and White City.

Please call or visit our website for more information or to submit an application.

Latino Education

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We provide services to Spanish speaking families through Spanish only classes or with translation services. A curriculum specifically for Latino families, Abriendo Puertas, is used for 10 week classes that are taught entirely in Spanish. We also have a variety of different curricula that can all be translated into Spanish to provide resources for both English and Spanish speaking families.

Each class offers free childcare, a complimentary meal, and a number of community presentations from local agencies.

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North Medford High School encourages seniors to meet with the college and career center. Counselors Cesar Flores and Mayra Garcia, who are Latino, work with all students to achieve student success. North provides outreach through HAO and Mecha. Through **Mecha**, Latino students visit colleges or conferences and participate in community service work.

Phoenix-Talent School District – SOU Academia Latina Program

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The Carpenter Foundation offers scholarships for Hispanic students who attend the Southern Oregon University's Academia Latina summer program.

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Adult Basic Skills

The Adult Basic Skills, English Language Acquisition Program offers ELA classes for beginning to advanced second-language learners in our Adult Basic Skills Program. We offer daytime and evening classes and serve approximately 140 – 180 ELA students per term on the RVC and RWC campuses. After our ELA students complete Level 4, they usually transition to ABE in our department, although some transition directly to college classes. We also offer GED

preparation classes in Spanish at our Riverside Campus for students who would like to take the test in Spanish.

Forklift Operator Safety Training

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Offered in Spanish as a customized training for 8 or more students...

Adult Driver Training

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Available in 4, 8, or 12-hour training blocks with a Spanish speaking instructor.

Rogue Community College: TRiO Programs

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TRiO Educational Talent Search (ETS)

TRiO ETS assists qualified students to prepare to go on to a 2-year, 4-year or professional/technical college. al Talent Search (ETS) is one of eight federally funded TRiO programs that help individuals achieve their dreams of one day attending college. TRiO ETS is open to middle and high school students who meet federal TRiO guidelines and attend a TRiO ETS target school Jackson County. Funded by the U.S. Department of Education, ETS has helped millions of students go to college and can help you to attend college anywhere in the country - provided you are academically qualified.

TRiO Educational Opportunity Center (EOC)

TRiO EOC provides services to adults and high school seniors who want to continue their education beyond high school or who want to obtain a GED.

Educational Opportunity Center (EOC) is one of eight federally funded TRiO programs that help individuals achieve their dreams of one day attending college. Now in its 6th year, EOC serves adults and high school seniors in both Jackson and Josephine counties. Whether you have plans to attend a 2-year community college, 4-year university, certificate or professional program, EOC can help. EOC has helped thousands of adults in the Rogue Valley. We offer services such as college planning and research, financial aid assistance, and college application and test fee waivers.

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Hold monthly Latino parent night and discuss topics such as academics and community outreach; work with kids providing guidance, counseling, ESL. Work as liaison for teachers, students, counselors, and parents. Also provide tutoring in partnership with SOESD.

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Academia Latina is a week-long summer residential program for Latino youth in southern Oregon. The program offers a broad range of classes, lectures, cultural experiences, and recreational activities for Latino students who have completed grades 7 through 9. Students selected for the residential camp will live on campus at Southern Oregon University in Ashland. They will interact with other Latino students from throughout southern Oregon while being challenged by creative, imaginative instructors and activities.

Academia Latina Leadership is a 9-day summer residential program for Latino youth in southern Oregon completing grades 10 through 11. The program will offer a broad range of courses, lectures, cultural experiences, and recreational activities focused on leadership and the development of an effective leader. The goal of this program is to foster Latino youth leaders and create positive role models.

Latino Family Day or Dia Familiar Latino is an educational conference for Latino students in middle and high school and their families where they will become acquainted with the SOU campus, resources available to students and support staff. Sessions are offered in Spanish for parents and bilingually for students, where families including prospective students in 8th-12th grade will get the opportunity to participate in a variety of sessions focused on high school and college preparation and success.

Pirates to Raiders is an initiative working with middle school and high school Hispanic students in the Phoenix Talent School District. This program fosters a partnership with the students, their families, the school district and Southern Oregon University to work with students from 8th through completion of High School to lead to admission at SOU. Schools in this program include: Talent Middle School & Phoenix High School.

Bulldogs to Raiders is an initiative working with middle school and high school Hispanic students in the Medford School District. This program fosters a partnership with the students, their families, the school district and Southern Oregon University to work with students from 8th through completion of High School to lead to admission at SOU. Schools in this program include: McLoughlin Middle School, South Medford High School and North Medford High School.

Hornets to Raiders is an initiative working with middle school and high school Hispanic students in the Medford School District. This program fosters a partnership with the students, their families, the school district and Southern Oregon University to work with students from 8th through completion of High School to lead to admission at SOU. Schools in this program include: Hedrick Middle School.

SOU's Cesar E. Chavez Leadership Conference is a gathering of Latino high school students/leaders from regional high schools. The goal of the day-long César E. Chávez Leadership Conference is to increase Latino high school students' preparation to become leaders and develop their knowledge about contemporary issues within the Latino community.

In addition, the conference strongly encourages Latino youth to pursue educational opportunities beyond high school. Participants attend workshops focusing on leadership, cultural arts, and college preparation.

Latino Student Union is a student-led organization that provides support, cultural awareness, and activities to anyone who is interested in Latino culture. This group hosts a variety of cultural events and provides several outreach efforts to the community.

Diversity Scholarship is available to SOU students from underrepresented populations. The scholarship is not a Latino specific scholarship, but there are Latino students who receive this scholarship, which is renewable for up to four years, as long as the student is able to maintain at least a 3.0 GPA.

Children & Family Services

The Arc

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Provides help via The Arc's Lifespan Respite program and reaches about 3 to 5% of the Latino/Hispanic population. The Arc's Lifespan Respite program offers in-home and site-based services for family caregivers by providing respite-related information and referral to qualified respite care providers and community resources to help families receive the break they need from the ongoing demands of care giving.

The Arc's Lifespan Respite Social Club - a community site-based respite care option offered on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 12:30 pm to 4:30 pm at in Medford and Mondays and Wednesdays in Rogue River - is designed to assist adults with Alzheimer's and other dementia related illness or cognitive disabilities, who require care around the clock. Thus allows spouses, parents, and other family caregivers to receive a break for a few hours a week at a reasonable cost while knowing their loved one is in a safe stimulating environment.

ASANTE

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Limited programs, utilize VRI (Video Interpreting Services), multi-lingual translators for 150 languages plus sign language as well as 1 full-time translator for Spanish.

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MPD does a variety of things to reach out to our Hispanic population, which includes children. Medford Police employs approximately seventeen individuals that are fluent in the Spanish language to help make this work for all of us in our community. Out of the seventeen Officers, five of them are Bilingual/Bicultural. The more we can communicate, the better it will be for all of us.

MPD has created and presented a Spanish Latino Citizen's Academy in 2016 and 2017. This, will be an annual event. The purpose of the program is create another means of communication with the Latino community.

In June of 2017 MPD had the first *Café con Pan* (Coffee with a Cop version) at the Jackson County Medford Library. The event was well attended and well received by the Latino community. People has called the Cult. Outreach Coordinator asking when will the next *Café con Pan* will be.

MPD participates at the annual “Día de La Familia” and at the “Fiestas Patrias” Celebration. We also [continue](#) do presentations at RCC on a regular basis and as they see the need for educational information. The target audience is parents and families in general.

MPD also does a monthly live Spanish educational program called “Tu Oficial”. MPD presents a topic and the audience calls in with their questions.

MPD publishes an educational or informative topic each month in the Caminos magazine. Topics vary and may include DUI info, traffic stops, and crime stoppers.

CAMINOS

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Caminos is a multi-media forum (print, online, events, and networks publication) focused on the local community. Caminos print edition is in Spanish. Online is published in both Spanish and English versions fully available at www.revistacaminos.com and social media. Caminos print 2,500 copies per month and distribute to more than 100 pickup locations throughout Jackson County.

About ten Spanish and ESL teachers, at least one in every school district uses Caminos magazine in their classrooms for both ESL and Spanish students. The number of Spanish and ESL instructors using Caminos grows every 3-4 months.

All contributors; writers are college graduates or currently in school. Other writing contributors are professionals such as Doctors, Lawyers, social workers, college professors, etc.

Caminos gives back to the community in the form of donating funds, sponsoring or supporting events in Jackson County. Success is measured by the number of print copies left behind and monthly impressions online.

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One of Jackson County Library programs, Outreach to Child Care, provides book bags and story-times to child care sites throughout Jackson County, with the focus being to enhance the early literacy environment. The library targets children ages 0 through 5. They have Spanish-language book bags available for these sites. Some sites are Spanish only, while others use both English and Spanish book bags. They also offer presentations on Early Literacy for parents--these have been well received and encourage the adults to share books and reading with their children. (Spanish is limited so presentations are best with a translator.)

All 15-library branches have free Wi-Fi and public computers. Some branches have bilingual staff to assist the patrons. Spanish-language materials are available at all branches, with the

bulk of the collection located strategically. Patrons can "order" an item from one branch to pick up at their home branch.

The White City branch in particular is equipped to support bilingual speakers. Staff offer bilingual story times - visit http://jcls.libcal.com/calendar/jcls_event/?cid=3210&t=d&d=0000-00-00&cal%5B%5D=3210 for more information. The Nest is a collaboration with Rogue Community Health for parents of kids 0-5 to provide parenting guidelines and tips, offered on the 2nd and 4th Wednesday of the month (on the 2nd Wednesday, there is a presentation in both English and Spanish; on the 4th Wednesday, the group chooses how to follow up on that presentation).

The jcls.org website has several databases for use in the Spanish, are free and available 24/7! The Mango database offers a free language-learning system and includes English for Spanish Speakers. The Learning Express Library database has online courses and practice tests such as Guía de Ciudadanía/Naturalización en U.S.A.

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Led by local advisory committees in three regions of the state, including Southern Oregon, the LPP's goals include:

- Strengthening leaders and organizations in the Latino community
- Supporting education and services that encourage Latinos to become more integrated and influential in their communities
- Forging strong ties between Latino and non-Latino communities and leaders

The Southern Oregon LPP advisory committee recommends to the OCF board small grants for Latino-serving organizations and takes on related projects.

The Latino Partnership Program is a statewide initiative supported by the Oregon Community Foundation.

For more information, please visit <http://www.oregoncf.org/ocf-initiatives/civic-engagement>

UNETE

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Unete is a volunteer-led movement of farm workers and immigrants in rural Southern Oregon educating their community and advocating for worker rights, humane immigration policy, and full participation in the decision-making processes affecting their lives. Unete offers free English, citizenship and basic computer classes as well as assistance with the Oregon Health Plan Application and renewal/follow up needs. In addition Unete offers advocacy services for issues related to injured workers, wage and hour claims, and employment related abuses to name a few. Unete is the only Latino-led non-profit in the Rogue Valley.

Educational Scholarships

Oregon Community Foundation

The Oregon Community Foundation, the state's largest charitable foundation, awards more than \$100 million in grants and scholarships throughout Oregon annually. Many grant programs and scholarship funds prioritize underserved populations, including Latinos.

More information can be found at www.oregoncf.org

The Ford Family Foundation Scholarship Programs

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The Ford Family Foundation Scholarship Programs are open to citizens and non-citizens who meet eligibility requirements. See www.tfff.org for details.

Please note: Those included above provide direct services to Latino and Latina students. Many of these programs are supported by the following: The Carpenter Foundation, Gordon Elwood Foundation, Oregon Community Foundation, Cow Creek Umpqua Indian Foundation, and others.